

**DIED IN THE CHAIR**

**Of a Dentist at Allegan, Who Had Pulled**

**FOUR LARGE, ACHING TEETH**

**For Him—Sudden Death of a Well Known Citizen of Health—Girl Killed, Women Assaulted.**

ALLEGAN, Aug. 11.—Frank Bowman of Health died in an operating chair this morning in the office of Dr. Piper, a dentist of this city. He had four large, aching teeth extracted. His wife said that he had complained of pain in the region of the heart and had taken medicine for heart trouble. Bowman was a well-known man, about 30 years of age.

**CRACK SPRINGS ALUMNI**  
The Annual Literary and Musical Entertainment Held.

CRACK SPRINGS, Aug. 11.—The social, literary and musical event of the year was the entertainment and lawn fete given by the Alumni association of the Crack Springs school last night. The association held its third annual reunion at the high school rooms at 4 p. m. After the transacting of routine business, officers for the ensuing year were elected. Harry D. Jewell of Grand Rapids was elected president; Mrs. T. G. Stevens, vice president; Miss Addie McElhatie, secretary, and Charles E. McCauley, treasurer. It was decided to hold the next reunion on the evening of the next commencement.

The entertainment was given at the Crack Springs church. The exercises were opened with a fine song by the male quartet, composed of Messrs. Stullwell, Skinner, Whitacre and Coney, after which an excellent piano solo was rendered by Miss Myrtle Watson. Andrew E. of Grand Rapids followed with a solo, "Let All Obey," which was exceedingly well received. Miss Beulah George, a former pupil of the school, but now a student of Prof. Cunningham at Northwestern university, gave a very interesting reading. The next event was a solo by Miss Emma Wamley. Then came the address of the evening, Mr. E. H. Washington Gardner on "Intellectual Compensation." It was an eloquent and forceful presentation of the advantages of a higher education, and was a treat which our people have not had the pleasure of enjoying for some time. The exercises were closed by a very effective rendition of "The Famine" by Miss Beulah George. A very enjoyable lawn fete was then given at the residence of Capt. W. P. Andrews, which was attended by the elite of the village. Among the visitors present were the Hon. Neal McMillan and wife, H. E. Cowdin, Mr. Clarence Storer, Mr. Ross Squires and Miss Joie Squires of Rockford; Miss Della Jewell and H. D. Jewell of Grand Rapids; Miss Fannie Herington of Newburg and Miss Flora Varnham of Sand Lake.

**Prohibition Ticket.**  
OWASSO, Aug. 11.—The state prohibition convention resumed work this morning. The ticket nominated reads as follows: Rev. John K. H. of New Haven, governor; Hon. E. L. Brewer, Oswego, lieutenant governor; G. R. Malone, Lansing, secretary of state; David B. Taylor, treasurer; T. E. W. Adams, auditor general; Myron H. Walker, Grand Rapids, attorney general; A. M. Hendricks, commissioner of state land office; Robert D. Arvan, superintendent of public instruction; Dr. Alfred Webster, Isosco, member of state board of education.

**Rich Farmer's Loss.**  
MILFORD, Aug. 11.—Four barns and several buildings adjoining on the farm of Daniel Smclair, seven miles south of this village, were struck by lightning during a storm last night, and totally destroyed. The barn contained four clips of wool, grain and hay, and numerous farming implements, all of which were destroyed. The loss is between \$8,000 and \$10,000; insurance nominal.

**Begin Young in Detroit.**  
DETROIT, Aug. 11.—James Miles was this morning fined \$25 or sixty days on a charge of assault and battery preferred by Charles Hall, a bell boy employed at the Hotel Cadillac. Miles early last Friday morning met Hall and two companions and held them up at the muzzle of a revolver. He also knocked Hall down with a pair of brass knuckles.

**Fireman Nearly Suffocated.**  
BRETON HARBOR, Aug. 11.—Fire damaged A. M. Edick & Co.'s hardware store last night to the extent of \$8,000. Frank Burr, a volunteer fireman, was nearly suffocated by smoke and was carried out in an insensible condition. The fire was caused by a lamp exploding in the basement while a clerk was drawing gasoline.

**Assaulted Two Women.**  
SAGINAW, Aug. 11.—Oliver of this

city made a murderous assault on his wife, choking her into insensibility last night. When Minnie Minto, a neighbor, interfered he knocked her out in one round and then, whipping out a revolver, escaped through the crowd which had assembled to the woods.

**CROP REPORT**  
For August Shows a Falling Off in the Wheat Yield.

LANSING, Aug. 11.—The Michigan crop report for August shows a falling off in the estimated total yield of wheat in the state from the July estimate of about 1,767,345 bushels. There is a gain in the central counties of about 118,326 bushels, but a loss in the southern of 1,865,881. The following is the substance of the report: The estimated average yield of wheat per acre in the southern counties, 14.02 bushels; central, 13.34, and in the northern counties 17.09 bushels. The present estimated yield for the southern counties is 1.40 bushels less and for the central, .49 bushels more than that of July 1.

Thirty per cent of the crop corresponds in the southern four tier of counties report wheat badly shrunken and of poor quality. Nearly all the other reports it to be about an average quality. Harvesting began late on account of very rains, but reporting was commenced before the 5th of July, and not until the 10th to 15th did it become general in the southern counties.

In the central counties about one-sixth of the correspondents report winter wheat shrunken and of poor quality, while all agree spring wheat is of very poor quality. Northern counties report wheat good quality and secured in good condition. The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers in July is 682,611.

The quantity of wheat reported marketed in July is 487,236 less than reported marketed in June. The total quantity reported in the twelve months, August-July, is 55 per cent of the estimated crop of 1891.

The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed in the twelve months, August-July, is 16,749,913, which is 1,239,234 bushels more than reported marketed in the same months last year.

Oats in the southern and northern counties are estimated to yield thirty-three bushels and in the central counties thirty-two bushels per acre. The condition of corn compared with average years is, in the southern seventy-three, central seventy-seven, and northern eighty-nine per cent.

Condition of potatoes are estimated to be 76 per cent in the southern, 73 per cent in the central, and 91 per cent in the northern counties, comparison being with average years.

The hay crop in the state is reported as 109 per cent of an average crop. Apples in the southern counties promise only 24 per cent of an average crop. The figures for other sections are: Central 52; northern counties, 86; and upper peninsula, 100 per cent.

**Birds of a Feather.**  
"Prisoners associate together in classes," remarked a prison official last night. "Take the burglars and the thieves and that class of men. You find them talking together in the yard very often. Then there are those who are in for crimes against women. They associate together. We have two or three ex-county treasurers in here. They are good friends. Talking together and short-tempered men, for minor offenses, may be seen together a good deal. There is but one class of men here who do not discuss their crimes, and these are the murderers. As a rule they are not very social, but like to be alone. Of course there are a few exceptions to this rule."—Jackson Patriot.

**State Fair at Lansing.**  
LANSING, Aug. 11.—The business committee has decided to begin at once the work of advertising the coming exhibit in the papers of the state. The society is quite heavily in debt, and there being no meeting next year, the receipts this fall will have to be unusually large in order to meet the expenses of two years. Friday, the last day of the fair, will be devoted to bicycling and no other races will be held on that day.

**Alban Still Absent.**  
YPSILANTI, Aug. 11.—The strange disappearance of Chester Alban is still a mystery. His mother received a letter today dated Ypsilanti, but not mailed here. The post mark could not be deciphered. The letter asked Mrs. Allen to collect his money, pay his debts and do what she wanted with the balance.

**Pretty Near Death.**  
WEST BAY CITY, Aug. 11.—Two passenger trains on the Cincinnati, Saginaw & Mackinac line smashed into each other at Melbourne. Fortunately the engineers saw the danger in time to slack up. The coaches were full of passengers. The pilots of both engines were wrecked off.

**Death from Apoplexy.**  
INLAY CITY, Aug. 11.—Mrs. Frank Walton, the wife of a well-to-do farmer and old resident of Attica township, died suddenly at her home of apoplexy. She was in her usual health this morning when she arose, but about noon was stricken with apoplexy.

**Grocers Take a Rest.**  
SAGINAW, Aug. 11.—The grocery stores are nearly all closed today, the proprietors and clerks, with their families and others, to the number of about 3,000, having gone with the grocers' excursion to Bay Port for a day's outing.

**Crops and Barn Burned.**  
BELDING, Aug. 11.—During a heavy thunderstorm last night a barn on the farm of John McCabe, sheriff of Livingston county, was struck by lightning. A large quantity of hay and grain was burned, also one horse. No insurance.

**Epworth Leaguers.**  
HUNTON, Aug. 11.—Three hundred delegates representing twenty Epworth leagues held a mass convention at Bolton Center yesterday. They were addressed by the presiding elder and the Rev. A. F. Boush.

**Named a Winner.**  
GRAND HAVEN, Aug. 11.—The republican convention for Muskegon and Ottawa counties, in session here to-day, nominated Capt. U. L. Brundage of Muskegon for state senator.

**Men—Swing—Dead Girl.**  
OVERLAND, Aug. 11.—The little daughter of Mr. Baker was struck in the head by a swing which contained two men. Her head was crushed and she died in a few hours.

**Desired a Watery Death.**  
BAY CITY, Aug. 11.—Charles Toborg, 30 years old, was drowned in the river at the Twenty-third street bridge at 11 o'clock last night. He refused assistance and is supposed to have committed suicide. He leaves a widow and family.

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